Trust President Admits Big Crop, Hints No Reduction.

"IN BUSINESS FOR MONEY

Magnate Frankly Declares Monopoly Has No Intention of Losing in Race for Gold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- In view of the fact that the Ice trust is under investigation by Attorney General Mayer, the president of the American Ice Company, Wesley M. Oler, said yesterday that present indications are for the best ice crop in years, but that he did not believe that ice would be a bit cheaper than it was last summer, adding: "The American Ice Company is in the business for money. They are not in it for anything else than that, and it ought to

be plain to any one."

Mr. Olor said to reporters that while it looked like a fine ice crop this year, he did not care to deal in futures, and in the second place, the weather is al-ways in the hands of Providence. On December 17, he said, the company started to harvest at Portland and Bristol, Me., and on the day before Christmas they gathered the first of the Hudson river crop at Green Island.

Nature's Bounty Trust's Gain.

"In the event of a bountiful crop," was asked, "you hold out no hope to the consumer that ice will be cheaper in New York and vicinity next summer?" "I do not," he replied. He refused to discuss the report that the company had experienced great difficulty in obtaining enough men to harvest the ice

scarcity of labor this year.
"We will gather all the ice we can, he said, "and will store it as fast as we

The storage capacity in Maine, he said, was 1,000,000 tons, and on the Hudson and other places in this State 4,000,-000 tons. In round figures, he said, the consumption of ice in this city annually

"Granting that you can and will store more than twice the amount that is re-quired," he was asked, "you cannot say nuired," he was asked. "you cannot say that the company will sell ice cheaper than when they were short last year?"
"I have already answered that question," said Mr. Oler, "I have said that no cheaper ice will be promised. The price of ice is fair now. We deliver lee to the house at 30 cents a hundred and never raised the price of this to the housekeeper. That is fair dealing and there is no reason to think that the public have cause for complaint."

Defends Recent Dividend.

Mr. Oler was told that it did not seem consistent to the public, when asking for age and, on top of this, declare a givi-

"There is where all the newspapers which are pounding us and do not give us a fair show have made a mistake," he answered. "There has been a dividend of 2½ per cent on the preferred stock. That 9 per cent was the first dividend that has been declared in four years. If the company cannot make a profit of a little over 2 per cent animally it ought to go out of business."

"I befriended this man, Judge, and this is the way he showed his gratitude," said Detective Weedon in the Police Court this morning, when Thomas Callahan was arraigned before Judge Mullowny on a charge of having each to understood, air Oier, that while the company cannot make a profit of a little over 2 per cent animally it ought to go out of business."

"I well, I hate te say if, old man,' I told him, but you were the only old him, but you were the sould him, but you were the only old him,

NAVAL BATTALION PLANS **CELEBRATION AT ARMORY**

The Naval Battalion of the District of Columbia, has issued cards for a Christmas ball tonight in its armory in tions have been under way for several weeks, looking to the success of the ball. All the details are now complete. Lieut. Joseph A. Demps is in charge of the arrangements and music will be furnished by the Naval Battalion Band,

GROWTH OF ABSINTH" HABIT.

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Increase in the consumption of abstathe is causing some uneasiness in Europe. In Belgium a law has lately been passed forbidding its manufacture, impertation, transportation or sale. In the Journal des Debats Dr. Daremberg states that in 1884 France consumed absinthe to the amount of 40,335 hectoliters; in 1894, 125,078, and in 1904, 207,929. It is said that the absinthe habit prevails especially among the younger literary folk, but it is spreading rapidly among business men. The habit increases the liability to tuberculosis, for most patients in the consumptive hospitals in France have been absinthe drinkers. In this country during the last twenty-five years there has been a considerable increase in absinthe drinking; it is usually taken in the form of vermouth, which is an infusion of absinthe in white wine.—New York Evening Post.



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the Austrian ambassador, one of the celebration, and upon the diplomatic eve.

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paroness have been the nearest approach to a "salon" of anything in Washington society, and she has held

brilliant sway in her set. She is a liberal patroness of musiand art and a brilliant hostess. The Christmas festivities at the embassy The Baroness Hengelmuller, wife of run almost throughout Christmas week, the Austrian ambassador, one of the beginning always with the Christmas

The Saturday evenings at home of the little daughter.

Robs the Detective Who Befriended Him

Thomas Callahan Steals Gloves and Car Tickets From Man Who Got Him Job; Sentenced to Thirty Days.

GEMS OR SCANDAL,

Dead Woman's Administra- Deacon's Wife Wears Them, Teamster, Leg Broken In to: Says He Knows Who Took the Jewels.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 27.-Newspapers here are printing an advertise ment of Administrator Meyer, of the estate of Mrs. C. M. Tibbets, saying the name of the thief who stole a bag of gens containing \$2,000 in diamonds from Mrs. Tibbets is known, and if the jewels are promptly returned no questions will be asked; otherwise, prosecutions will follow,

Mrs. Tibbets was the most fashionable milliner in this city. She died suddenly three months ago in her apartments. She had fust returned from a musical

at the home of H. F. Dow, a wealthy merchant. Her escort was Samuel A. Brown, general manager for a local department store. The woman died of

married here to a pretty woman, a pho-

Delightful Event With Novel Features Held at - Rauscher's.

The Octagon Pleasure Club celebrated its fifth anniversary with a dance and reception at Rauscher's last evening. The Marine Band Orchestra furnished the music, and a beautiful supper was The programs were a novel feature. They were of two little felt fiags, blue and gray, the club colors. Malcolm Auerbach, president; Dave Baer, vice president; Arthur Luchs. Baer, vice president; Arthur Luchs, treasurer; M. Eiseman, secretary, and Lester F. Marx, chairman, amusement committee. The guests were Misses Leona Stern, Sadie Breslau, Belia Schiffman, Florence Gusdorf, Lillan Colbenzer, Rhoda Mautner, Celeste Goodman, Gladys Mayer, Rita Baer, Ernstein Rich, Carrie Robinson, Rae Eberfman, Irma Strauss and Rica Schiff, Baltimore; Renie Stern, of New York, and Carrie Tanzer, of Cumberland, and Messrs, M. Auerbach, Lester Neuman, N. Elsman, A. Neuman, B. Baer, D. Baer, L. Marks, H. Rich, H. Jacobs, S. Greenapple, S. Fisher, M. Fisher, A. Luchs, A. Haas, M. Goldsmith, N. King, R. Nattans, and B. Joseph, of Baltimore,



WEARS BLOOMERS,

Exciting Criticism of Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.-The Church, of Green Castle, must cease.

A large number of the congregation had called upon him for his resignation and a small majority wanted him to York was hauling wood, when the continue.

INJURED MAN LAY

Runaway, Is Rescued In Woods.

MEDIA, Pa., Dec 27.-With his leg resbytery of Indianapolis has decided broken, suffering from internal injuries, that the pastoral relations of the Rev. and almost at death's door from exposure to the cold, John York was found

ontinue.

horses ran away. He was thrown out, the trouble began some time ago, the wagon passing over his leg and The trouble began some time ago, when the pastor and his wife called at the home of Deacon Cammack and were greeted at the door by Mrs. Cammack, dressed in bloomers.

While working in her flower garden it is Mrs. Cammack's custom to wear bloomers as a matter of convenience, but Mr. Sonne was shocked and reproved her.

Mrs. Cammack and her husband resented the pastor's reproof, others took sides and a congregation meeting followed. On a vote the congregation by a majority of two decided in Sonne's favor. The matter was brought to the presbytery on appeal.

the wagon passing over his leg and body. After receiving his injuries and standing the extreme cold as long as he could, he dragged himself along the ground on his stomach, hoping to get sufficiently near the public road so that his cries, for help could be heard. He stood the cold as long as he could, and from sheer suffering lighted a fire; but this lasted but a short time, as he was unable to gather fuel to keep it going.

After an absence from his place of employment of nearly ten hours, suspicion arose that something had happened, and he was found just at dusk.

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